
1321 8/1/1861

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: My precious wife [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1272

Source: Bowdoin

Head Quarters 3d
Brigade
Bush Hill

[0277]

Head Quarters 3d Brigade
Bush Hill August 1st 1861

My precious wife

Mr Mordecai wonders how I can be so completely engrossed with my official duties & say so little about my family particularly when I have so interesting a family. I told him it was because I exercised faith in God, who is able to protect & care for them, & is willing to do so. I do pray to him constantly for you & Guy & Grace & little Jamie. I do regard you all as my sacred treasures, that will be kept in store for me while I am trying to do my duty to my Country.

There are untold trials after a defeat. Everybody is sick in body or in heart. Applications for a leave, resignations & discharges have been the order of the day for the last week. Grumbling, fault finding and charges against my officers come to me from every quarter, but thus far my heart has been light. I try to do my duty as I have done heretofore & don't worry. It is a comfort to have Charles near me.

We are still at Mrs Scotts house and are well. Thus far I have found an effectual remedy for the summer complaint in something that the Doctors laugh at. I take the white of an egg without the yolk & stir it in a tumbler of water & drink it. I think this has cured me twice. At any rate I have gotten well.

My horse is getting well gradually. Lieut Griffin has made me a present of another horse, a nice one. I have been into Washington once since the defeat on business - Chas. Was with me. We visited at Mr Carrolls. He was getting better. He rode out the day I was there. I was surprised to find him so weak. Mrs Carroll was as kind & attentive as usual. Mr Carroll pays me a great deal of attention & treats me as if he was my father. I don't know how I can repay them for their kindness.

You spoke of Mr Benjamin. I saw him during the retreat. He was in the action on the 18th & fired the first gun and I believe he protected our retreat after the battle of Bull Run. I found Kirby in rather a critical place with one caisson that day. His face was covered with blood but not his own. Somebody had fired a ball through his poor horses' nose & spattered him.

I think of Mrs Greble & her dear little children often & try to remember them in prayers. I fear I shall poorly fulfill my duties as "God-father" to little Clara.

I know Guy is a good boy. I wish I could look in upon him sleeping in his little bed tonight. & Gracie I think she does'nt cry much. I think she must have a cheerful countenance - and Jamie doubtless has his times of crying. Suppose he would know me? Well, Lizzie, times will change. I may be home before a long time.

There seems to me to be a great want of principle & true patriotism among our friends. I don't know what we will come to. I have Green's battery attached to my Brigade. Their officers are Cushing Harris & Butler - a Company of Cavalry - Lieuts Drummond & Custer.

My kind regards to my friends at West Point. I am happy to hear you say "but one thing is needful". Many kisses to each one of the children from papa.

Mr Mordecai sends his love to you. He is a good friend. I shall want Smith when he comes - wish he was here now.

Your own Otis

1323 8/5/1861

From: Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1262

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

West Point Aug 5 1861.

My dearest Otis

I got a nice long letter from Charlie last, with your nice little money message at the bottom of one page. I can pay Mr Fuller as well as not. If he is in Washington I will send to you, if at Augusta I will get Uncle Edward to do it for me taking some of the money on deposit. Which Mr Fuller is it? And did you give your note? You just write me how it is, and I will explain to Uncle. I have only drawn the two hundred I mentioned to you before from Mr Bacon. Will you send an order for the money due on what you own in the Insurance company and then I will write to Mr Bacon. I shall have to have some more to settle up here before I leave, but I know not just the amount. There is \$143.00 on deposit in the Bank in Uncle's care, \$100.00 to Mr Fuller and the rest to take me home with what I shall have left. I shall find out how much I need to pay the bills here and write to Mr Bacon for the amount, and what is left with him I can leave or take as you think best. I shall have a great deal Interest after I get to Maine.

I shall have my boxes in a few days and as soon as they come I shall begin to pack, Piano first, Chairs and books next. I shall not work hard, and shall not hasten. I am very sorry you lost so many of your things, but am thankful you got off as you did. I can make you and Charlie as many shirts as you say now. I really have no sewing to do only my weekly mending and now and then a small garment for one of the children. This is the first time since our marriage that I can say - I have finished my sewing. Now if you wish me to do anything for you just tell me so, before I begin to pack, that (the packing) could be delayed a week.

The ladies here are making shirts, plain, dressing-gowns, bed-gowns, handkerchiefs, &c &c for the wounded. We meet every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 12 am. Will send a box to Washington as soon as we get enough ready. I just thought you might come on to see us a day or two before we go to Maine would it be best? I don't above all things wish it, but thought perhaps you might.

The small-pox is really raging in Buttermilk-falls. All communication between here and that place cut off. Not even Mr Denton's wagon or the milk wagon allowed to come up.

I have just received a letter from you, Dearest. It is yours written Aug. 1 last Thursday. I hope Mr Mordecai will remain with you. I hear from Charlie that Mr Buel has left in disgust. He always looked as if he would be very easily disgusted, and I wish he was not so attentive to Miss Jasie McDougall. I heard of Mr Mordecai's father's family in Phila through Miss Fanny McD. who has been visiting in that city - and Baltimore. I shall ask Maria to call on them. I will write her soon.

Mrs Williams, Johnnie, Mottie and Miss Pamella Phillips spent last Thursday with me. We called to see Mrs Greble. I had a good long talk with Mr French. He wished to be remembered with much love to you, expressed thankfulness that so much grace was given me.

The order for the first class to graduate has been countermanded. Would John Weir be a good assistant? I know he went to New York to join the seventh. Again, when we expected they would be called out, a few days after the retreat. If everybody else is lazy and indolent, you do your duty, but don't kill yourself with work.

I will look at the paper (news paper) a moment then finish writing. I don't find much in the paper this morning. Yesterday a quiet Sunday in Washington. You know, do you not, that Gen McLellan's wife is Capt Marcy's daughter. We saw her here and called on herself and Mother at the Hotel I have no news to write and hav'nt written much of a letter. All quite well.

From your own
Lizzie

1324 8/5/1861

From: W. H. Owens

To: Col. O. O. Howard

OOH-1263

Brooklyn, New York

Source: Bowdoin

Brooklyn, New York
Aug 5, 1861

Col. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

You will probably recollect me as a member of the class below you at Bowdoin.

I am seeking a commission in the Army (regular or volunteers) & I write to solicit your influence & kind offices in my behalf.

I will state briefly the history of my life since I graduated that you may see how far I am fitted for the position I seek.

I went South immediately after graduation & taught school there, in Northern Miss & Southwestern Tennessee, two years, meanwhile studying Law a little. At the expiration of that time by the solicitation of an intimate friend, P.A. Engr. of the Memphis & Charleston R.R., I abandoned the idea of studying law & joined his Corps of Engineers. From that time for four years I was an assistant engineer on the M. & C. R.R. of the East Tennessee & Georgia R.R. I then went to Minnesota where during two years I was City Engr of the City of Stillwater, meanwhile having a contract for surveying Public Lands in executing which I had three months of very severe & trying experience of frontier camp life.

Two years since, the business of Surveying & Engineering in common with almost every other, having become nearly worthless, I returned home & resumed the study of law, entering the Columbia Coll Law School from which I graduated in May last. Soon afterwards I entered the "Sickles Brigade" as Qr. Master of one of its regiments, but yielded the place after serving a week, on the promise of Gen. Sickles of a 1st Lieutenancy in the Engineer Corps which he proposed to organize, meanwhile to hold the position of 1st Lieut. in the line. The matter has been in status quo ever since. Three regts of the "Brigade" have gone to Washington. Gen. Sickles is not a Brigadier, & probably never will be & the project of the Corps of engineers is of course abandoned.

Meanwhile I have acted as 1st Lieut "in attached" & waiting for something "to turn up" like Micawber. I have been assured all along by Sickles & the Col. of the regt. to which I was assigned that, if the first project failed I should have a 1st Lieutcy in the line.

The regt however, being now merged in what is called the 2d Regt Firemen Zouaves, is, I think, rapidly becoming disorganized & I think will go to the dogs altogether. It is a concern, too, with which on many accounts I am utterly disgusted, & nothing but a strong desire to go & a dislike to "back down" prevents me from abandoning the whole business at once. Even if the regt is completed I think that it will be impossible for the Col. to fulfil his promise, company officers in his regt being elected & the result would probably be that after waiting a month or two longer, I should be thrown out at last.

I write to you not with any great expectation that you will be able to do anything for me, but still hoping.

I desire if possible a 1st or 2d Lieut'cy in the Eng'r Corps or some kindred department. Of course the regular army would be preferable, but I suppose it would be very difficult to get a commission there - especially in the Engineers. Next to that I would prefer the position of Qr. Master.

Previously to this war I have had but little experience in military affairs; have belonged to two militia companies but not for any great length of time. During the last two months I have been continuously in camp, have attended the regular drills & have studied the books pretty assiduously. I think I am competent to fill the position of 1st Lieut in the line - at all events would be willing to stand the examination.

If, in the midst of your multitudinous & engrossing duties you can find time to give the matter a little attention, & will do so, you will greatly oblige me. From my knowledge of you & what I hear of your regt I should like very much to be with you. If that is impossible will you take the trouble to make enquiries & use your influence elsewhere. I can furnish all necessary testimonials as to character capacity &c, from Maine, N. York, & other states where I have lived. Should it not be possible for you to obtain anything for me at present, will you bear the matter in mind, for some future opportunity. A letter directed to 209 Henry St. Brooklyn, N.Y. (or simply to Brooklyn N.Y. will always reach me. Hoping soon to hear from you, I am

Very truly yours

W. H. Owens [William Henry Owens, Bowdoin Class of 1851. He received a commission as a Lt. in the 3rd Maine Volunteers in 1861.]

1325 8/6/1861

From: Julia Buxton

To: Col [OO] Howard

OOH-1264

Warren Maine

Source: Bowdoin

[0281]

Warren Maine August 6th 61

Col Howard

Will you pardon my taking the liberty of addressing you, and inform me if there has been or will be any measures taken for the release of one of your Surgeons Dr. B F Buxton who is a prisoner in The Southern Army. I have been told that there will be an exchange of prisoners. Do you think it is true? If so when will it take place and by whom will it be done. Can any one going from here have any influence or help it along in any way? Can a letter be sent by any means to the Dr? I see by this mornings paper that exertions are being made in favor of Mr Ely of the House but no mention made of other prisoners and also that Dr Williams who was reported to have been taken prisoner when Dr was, has returned home to Portland. How was he released?

By answering my enquiry as soon as possible you will very much oblige.

Julia Buxton

1326 8/8/1861

From: Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1260

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

West Point Aug 8 1861.

My dearest Otis

I have regretted ever since I wrote my last letter that I said anything about your coming to see us. I had rather you would do as you think best without my suggesting.

I send this little extract from the paper as the only thing I have seen about Mr Lee's 'Institute'. Aunt Martha Jane, Carrie and Freddie were at Leeds, and in company with Mother visited Ella and Rowland. They took Sarah's two eldest boys home with them to stay a while with Laura.

This is the first rainy day we have had for a long time. I have the children with me up stairs. Guy is very busy with his tools taking the hook and hinges off his broken toolbox "to take them to Maine to put on some other box." Grace has her Dr Hammonds baby, asleep now, but wishes me to tell her when I hear her cry. Jamie is creeping about throwing down towers that are built of blocks for him, and I am waiting for John to bring me the paper.

5 minutes later. He has come and brought me a welcome letter from Charlie a \$50. check enclosed. I fear you need the money more than I. It keeps the other longer though on interest.

I have not time to send to Johny Wier this morning and get an answer, but I have written him a note about it.

How would it do to write to Rowland to come on for me, and not take a girl. I would have to pay somebody's fare on and back, and if he would like to see you and visit you, if you are not here to see us! He could go on from here to you. I shall leave here this month. You write your answer to me, and I to Rowland when I learn what day I can leave if you cannot come to us, if you think it best. You can tell me what you think would be best. Mr Ware has taken Mr Pipers furniture so I can use it after I have packed as he will not move it till I leave.

Charlie says you are to leave your comfortable quarters, for a tent more in the rear of your forces. I guess I'll say I am glad of the latter.

I see by the morning paper Mr Mordecai's name attached to the 'Topogs' as second Lieut. I am sorry he is to leave you. I think you can make a place for John Weir if he will go and you would like him. I fear you work too hard. No news here and it is most mail time so no more at present.

Much love, many kisses, and earnest prayers of your own wife
Lizzie

I direct all letters to Washington. Is that best?

1327 8/8/1861

From: Otis [OO Howard]

To: My dearest wife [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1261

Hd Quarters 3d Brigade
3d Divn
Bush Hill

Source: Bowdoin

Hd Quarters 3d Brigade 3d Divn
Bush Hill August 8th 1861

My dearest wife,

I received your good letter dated August 5th yesterday and presume as you did not say anything about the matter, that you & Guy & Grace & Jamie are well. The millers are as thick & troublesome that I can scarcely write. Gen'l McDowell with Prince Napoleon came into our vicinity this morning. The Prince passed on towards Richmond with a flag of truce accompanied by an escort. Gen'l McDowell stayed and reviewed all the troops in our immediate vicinity. He first reviewed Gen'l Kearney's brigade & then mine.

I heard yesterday from Senator Morrill that my name was put in first on the list of recommendations for the Brigadier Gen'l's commission, but so late that the appointment could not be made before the adjournment of Congress. Today I heard that my Brigade had been distributed. But McDowell says, Colonel, that action is not final. You shall not suffer, nor lose your Brigade or something of that kind. How it will be I don't know.

If John Wier would only come on I feel sure I can get him a lieutenancy in one of these Regiments. If I return to mine it shall be there. Perry Lee is Lieut in one of the Companies.

There are over an hundred sick in each regiment of this Brigade on an average. They are quite well cared for, though it is rather sickening to go through Clermont house where there are so many poor fellows together. I visited nearly every room last Sunday morning and tried to say a word for My Saviour to them. Charles thinks we fall far short of living such a life as Vicars & Havelock did.

I borrowed the \$100 of B.A.G. Fuller Esq of Augusta Me, but I think I was to pay the amount at the Augusta Bank at the end of 30 days. I have written to see if some arrangement cannot be made to allow me to pay it at the close of this present month. I also owe a bill for clothing that I should pay at the end of this month at Augusta. I sent you fifty dollars which I hope reached you in safety. I don't know as there is anything coming to me on the insurance stock. I have forgotten the name of the Company and have lost my Black book containing it, but I will write you the order & you can get some man to fill in the name from the Certificate of Stock in your possession.

I am sorry the Small Pox is so near you. Are Mrs Gray & Jennie at B. Falls still? & Mrs Roe? You must give my love to Mr French & thank him for his kind words & also remember me most affectionately to his family. If the bugs & flies & millers would keep off, I would write more. I wish I could look in upon the children tonight & yourself. Don't make Chas & me (us) anything to send here darling, for we don't want anything to lose. May God bless you all. Kiss the children for papa. Remember me to Susan & Catherine. Remember me affectionately to the Carrolls.

Your affectionate & loving husband
Otis

Love to Mr Church & family & John Wier & to all the rest (Otis).

1328 8/8/1861

From: J.C. Hovey

To: O.O. Howard, Col.
Commanding

OOH-1265

Augusta Maine

Source: Bowdoin

[0286]

Augusta Maine August 8, 1861

To O.O. Howard, Col. Commanding

Dr Sir,

I recd your dispatch & in Ans will Say, your note is in the State Bank in this city for safe keeping & it will be better & more safe for you to Send the draft to the Cashier of said Bank. Then you will be perfectly sure of your paper or if you prefer you may send it to me. Either way will be safe & I will attend to it promptly.

We are greatly obliged to you for your promptness. I send the bill for insts. I have forgotten the price of one of the instruments but have got the aggregate amount all right. It would not be right for me to send a bill receipted so I am informed by those who pretend to know. I will do so if you wish it. The brass inst prices as follows viz:

To	2 Eb Cornets Brass	\$30.00 each	60.00
"	2 Bb Do	" \$32.00 "	64.00
"	2 Eb Altoes	" \$40.00 "	80.00
"	2 Bb Tenors	" \$42.50 "	95.00
"	1 Bb Basso	" 70.00	70.00
"	2 Eb Bassos	" 80.00	160.00
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			529.00
Manufacturers discount	\$10 perct		52.90
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			476.10
One Bass Drum			28.00
"	Ab, Basso & expense		45.90
"	Ab Tenor		25.40
"	pr. Sybballs		15.00
"	Eb Copper Cornet silver trimmed		40.00
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			\$630.40

the amount of your note is just six hundred & thirty dollars 40/100. If you find any thing wrong in the above Please inform me & I will make all right if possible

Your note is not in the Bank for collection only for safe keeping. I have purchased a set of inst on the strength of your note.

Our Band boys, send there love to our land boys, now in your command.

Please accept our best wishes for you all & may Gods blessings attend you all

Yours Respectfully

In haste

J.C. Hovey clerk of Band

To Col. O.O. Howard

1329 8/8/1861

From: I. Washburn Jr

To: Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1266

Augusta

3d Regt Me Vol.

Source: Bowdoin

[0234]

Augusta Aug. 8. 1861

Dear Col.

I have your telegram in reference to commissioned officers & recruits.

Please inform me what vacancies exist in the companies, & who are designated to fill them, that we may know who to issue commissions to.

I shall soon commence recruiting for the Reg. till after haying is fairly over it will be rather hard work.

I have forwarded by Paymaster Robie some sheets & knives & forks for the 3d Reg. - & some things for the others.

I have seen Capt Savage & recd 22\$ bounty of John Tantish which I will forward to you, with his explanation in regard to Liunell & Macey. He says he has a furlough to Oct 6. I hope you will get rid of the poor timber among the officers as speedily as possible.

I enclose copies of petitions sent to me for members of four of your companies which would so far dishonor the State if I should make them public that I cannot do so. The men may be discouraged by reason of absence or inefficiency of their co-officers, but the idea of such large numbers of men who have enlisted for 3 years & recd their bounty & clothing asking to be discharged at the very commencement of their service is a most unpleasant one. Out of charity to them & respect for our noble State I have not published their request, & only persons in the office know of it.

You will make such judicious use of the facts I give you as you think fit. It would perhaps be well that the soldiers should understand their petition cannot be granted, that they may cease hoping for a discharge.

Yours truly,
I. Washburn Jr

Col. O.O. Howard
3d Regt Me Vol.

1330 8/9/1861

From: A. W. Wilder

To: Col O.O. Howard

OOH-1267

Augusta Maine

Source: Bowdoin

[BOW - 0237]
Augusta Maine
Aug 9th, 1861

Col O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

I find that the people of Skowhegan & of Somerset County feel vexed & outraged, by the course which Capt Savage is pursuing remaining at home, at ease, while his company is exposed in the field. I found also during my visits at Washington that the members of his company were anxious for his discharge, & I doubt not that it would tend to restore confidence & be a source of great satisfaction (not only to his company) but to their friends at home if this could be accomplished. I learn that Capt. Savage is not intending to join his company before October & is comforting himself with the idea, that he can remain at home & draw his pay on an extended furlough. My own impression is that he never intends to rejoin his company, but holds on & draw pay to the last moment then resign. Cannot something be done? For really Capt S is a disgrace to his company & to this state. I write by order of the Governor.

Yours very truly
A. W. Wilder (signed)
ASC

[Written in another hand]
Letter of A W Wilder
respecting Capt Savage
of August 9th 1861

1331 8/10/1861 *From:* A. Wagg

To: Col. [OO] Howard

OOH-1268

Sangerville

Source: Bowdoin

Sangerville Aug. 10, 61

Dear Sir

I have a son in company I of the 3 Regiment by the name of C.W. Wagg, who is a minor and who enlisted and left the state without my knowledge or consent.

He was from home, about seventy miles at the time of enlistment, and I knew nothing of the matter until he informed me of the fact from Washington. His health was not good, and I should not have consented to his enlistment. I write to procure his discharge, and earnestly request you to render what assistance you can in accomplishing that object.

Were he in the enjoyment of sound health I should not ask that he be discharged from the service, but as it is, I feel it to be my duty to act differently.

I have petitioned the war Department for his discharge, and cannot doubt that when the case is rightly understood, my petition will meet a favorable answer.

The young man is not twenty years old.

Very Truly Yours
A. Wag

Col. Howard

[Written in another hand on the back]
A. Wagg
Aug 10 '61

1332 8/10/1861 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Bro. Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1269

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

[BOW - 299]
Farmington Aug. 10, 1861

Dear Bro. Otis

We have a little Son born about 8 ½ o'clock this a.m [David Patten Howard]. The little stranger took us quite by surprise, no one here but Sarah. Ella is so well that I feel as if I never had such cause for gratitude to God as I now have. No Dr. & no nurse when he was born, & Ella & I out calling last Evening! A Dr. Dr was here in about 15 mins.

Prof Harris preaches for me tomorrow. He was here at the crisis! Pray for me & my little one. We are drawn closer together by this new tie of sympathy.

Your letter was a dear welcome one. So was Charles'. We want to hear from you about the things to be made & forwarded for the Soldiers. Chas. Can consult Mrs Sampson & write us.

Love to Charles & Perry. I will write you more at length soon. We feel with your discouragements & afflictions & try to carry you daily before the throne of grace. Ella & I have tried to consecrate our little one to God in prayer.

Yr loving Brother
Rowland

Tell C. Fuller called. He had received his letter.

Mon Morn
Ella is very nicely. Nurse came yesterday. Baby is little but good!

1333 8/10/1861 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]
Farmington

To: Dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-1270

Source: Bowdoin

[BOW - 0289]
Farmington Aug. 10, 1861

Dear Lizzie

God in mercy has given us a little son & dear Ella is quite nicely. He was born at 8 this a.m. We were alone except Sarah. The Dr. was not here till 15 mins after the child was born. I could not leave Ella & our girl could not find a Dr. But, thank God, He did better for us than we could have desired. Won't you join us in praising his mercy. Tell Guy & Grace & Jamie they have a little cousin.

Otis wrote me a good long letter, (his first) on the 4 inst.

Prof Harris preaches for me tomorrow. With a bushel of love to the dear children. In haste

Yr aff. Bro
Rowland

Will you send Guys pony down East? When will you start from West Point? No house yet certain.

Mon. Morn:
Ella is very nicely. Baby is little but very good!

1334 8/10/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1271

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

[BOW - 0291]
West Point, Aug 10, 1861

My dearest Otis

I have written a note to Mr Bacon this evening to send Monday morning. I have so little time to write when I try to write in the morning. I want to get the mail before I begin and that is ten o'clock, and all letters must be at the Post Office by twelve o'clock. I was very happy to get a letter from you this evening. We have an evening mail from Washington, and as it was Saturday evening Mr Berard brought me my letter. It was written the 8th with the order enclosed. I received the check and acknowledged it in my last letter. If there is a Brigadier Gen'l made from our state I think, and so do others, that you ought to have it. If you do return to your regiment I shall insist that you come to see us before we go to Maine, providing we are here long enough for you to know what you are going to do.

In my last letter I wrote about Rowland's coming on to take me to Maine. I am anxious to know what you think is best. I don't think he would leave Ella alone the first of next month and would want to get back before the 28th of this month. I would't like to remain here after the 28th of this month, and would like to get away a few days before. I fear you have not enough clothing to make yourself comfortable. Are the sick provided with anything. I am thinking that when I get to Maine I shall get a contribution, and form a society, purchase cloth and make shirts (plain, bed-gowns, dressing-gowns (cabin double), handkerchief lint, linen (old), and send to you for your sick. I would like to do it, and there are enough who would like to help me. Will you tell me what you think of it? We are doing the same here now. Do not forget to tell me. You may suggest something better or something else to do. Have you sheets, pillow cases? I know you are provided with certain things, and we, or I, wish to send what would be useful that you could not get for the men otherwise.

I suppose you lost your dressing case. I am sorry you met with any loss, but such little things don't trouble me now. I do believe your absence was just the thing for my best good. I take it you do not wish me to pay Mr Fuller of Augusta at present.

Communication is opened between here and B. Falls. All cases of small pox are taken to Cox's house on the Eagle Valley road, or "up in the mountain". If you go to your regiment you will not have to work so hard.

Mr Carroll received a letter directed to Capt L.L. Carroll from the Treasury Dept, but has not officially received his promotion. He got a letter directed to Capt Carroll from Capt Griffin. I don't care much for promotion, rank &c. I will try to do my duty, and don't care much whether I get any credit or no. Charlie Carroll a Lieut in the 5th Artillery. When you see him you must ask him to tell you the Wine story including Mr Carter and myself. Guy went to ride with the Carrolls and we had supper little later, so your letter came as the children were finishing their evening prayers. I read it aloud to them, and when we came to Papa kisses we had quite a round of kisses, and Jamie his share.

Charlie said you were about to leave Bush Hill or rather Mrs Scott's house. I feel very much interested in her and her children, and my heart is filled with gratitude for her kindness to you. Have any of the officers I knew resigned from the 3d Regiment. I have never written to Mrs Sampson. I must try and do so. I presume she could tell me what would be acceptable to the sick men. Please remember me very kindly to her. My boxes I hear are all ready for me. I have done nothing about going away yet. Could you be appointed Brigadier Gen'l without its being confirmed by Congress? I wonder what other names were sent in with yours. Do you know? Is't the State entitled to a Brigadier Gen'l.

I seem to have left my letter Saturday evening, Dearest, with a few ambitious sentences it would seem. I got no letters this Monday morning. We are all very well this morning. I want to know if I may expect to see you before I go away. You must tell me plainly what you think, and I will not be disappointed if you say me nay. You will know best what to do. I do hope you do not preserve my letters after you have once read them, they are written in great haste and I would like them not thrown down but destroyed. Will you do so. No more this time. I hear

the Cadets firing big guns. I might imagine a battle taking place, but I wont. The children are all (<Katie>) playing in the back hall and as I am up stairs I will close without their messages.

Your own Lizzie

Mrs Gray and Jennie at the Falls, and Mr Roe as yet.

1335 8/12/1861 *From:* E.G. Savage

To: Col O O. Howard

OOH-1273

Solon

Source: Bowdoin

[0301]

Solon Aug 12th 1861

Col O O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have recovered my health so as to ride out in fair weather think I shall be able try one <cad> the present weak; the bounty for Tantish I passed to Department of State suppose it is sent you for him before this. I am 40 lbs lighter than when I started for Washington the 5th of June.

I would like to know if there is <men> wanted to take the place of those discharged in 3rd Reg - if so how they are to be got to Washington. I think there is enough in this vicinity that would like to go when I Return.

Please write

Respectfully & Truly Yours
E.G. Savage

[written in another hand on the back page]
Capt Savage

1336 8/13/1861 *From:* John R. Bacon

To: Dear Mrs [Lizzie] Howard

OOH-1274

New York

Source: Bowdoin

[0252]
New York
Aug 13 / 61

Dear Mrs Howard

I recv'd your note with the enclosed order for interest on stock. The only insurance stock of Col Howard that I know any thing of is in the Washington Marine Ins Co. and tomorrow I will go there & draw the interest.

I am very sorry to hear that your husband lost his papers - such a loss it is hard to replace.

When will he be coming this way again? May the good Lord spare him and bring him back again to his loved & loving ones.

Why cant you come & make us a visit? My wife would be so glad to have you, and the children could roam about with mine, to their hearts content.

Your draft for money shall be honored when presented.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at our place, but if you cannot give us a visit let me know when you pass through the city, so that I may call upon you, and if I can be of any service in shopping or any other way don't hesitate to command me, for it would give me great pleasure to serve you for the sake of your noble husband whom I love & honor so much.

I shall expect to hear from you if there is any thing I can do for you

& I am, Yrs very sincerely
John R. Bacon

Aug 14
I enclose you 2 checks for interest on Insurance stock to date.

I wish I had persuaded the Col to put more money into that company for he has received so far for 1 ½ years 13 ½ percent interest.

J.R.B.

1337 8/14/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My precious Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1275

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

[0293]

West Point Aug 14, 1861 Wednesday Eve

My precious Otis

I must write you part of a letter this evening for I have good news to communicate and quite a number of messages. I got a short letter from Rowland this morning. Ella has a son. I suppose Rowland would come for me the last of the month. Mrs Gray and Jeanie walked up here this afternoon, wished to be remembered to you, and also Mr Beebe sent a long, affectionate message to you. It is very pleasant to me to have people remember, and speak of you so kindly. Mr Roe has gone to Mrs Berard's (Roberts) to board. The Grays are to go away before the first of Sept. I see our Mr Bigelow is Consul to Paris. I got a reply to my letter to Mr Bacon and will you believe it forty dollars \$40.00 interest on stock up to date Aug 14th. I will send you his letter.

This being "Hop" night Cadet Smith came to see me, and brought me some of his pictures to take to his Mother. He will not ask his brother to come here, as he is not to graduate at present. I would not have troubled you with anything about my getting home, if Charlie had not said that Rowland was entitled to a vacation, but thought he could not go to see you and him for want of funds. I thought I could as well pay his fare as anybody's else. I am waiting to learn what you will say.

I sent Mr Denton your \$50.00 fifty dollar check or rather check of fifty dollars to pay his bill of \$43.00 forty three dollars.

I left my letter to take, and rock dear little Jamie to sleep just now. I know you would like to kiss his little velvety cheek to-night and take a look at us all. I will finish this some other time. Hope to hear from you again very soon and from Charlie.

Friday Morning

Dearest. I hoped to get a letter from you this morning, but it seems I did not. I don't believe you can leave to visit us. There may be someone from where you are, going to Maine the last of this month. Don't think because I say so much about it that am worried about getting home.

I feel a little disgusted with the world this morning. I have been reading different reports of the battle at Bull's Run. This one calling the attention to someone who was very active, another who rendered efficient service to another for coolness, as if no body else did anything. Every body should have done what they could, and they would only have done their duty. I am like Mr Shunk, a Brevet for doing one's duty is absurd.

I hope you are as well as we are this morning. It is a delightfully cool morning. I have seen no report from you. I am going to the Academic Building to sew for the soldiers as soon as I finish this. I hope I can make something of service to you and your sick when I get home. Children out playing. Much love to Charlie.

Wholly your own

Lizzie

I cannot visit Mr Bacon but will see him before I go away.

I will want very little money from him. I sold the sofa, parlor table, your desk, to Mr Denton. I had to drop two tears when the latter went yesterday. I have very little left to sell.

Lizzie

1338 8/15/1861 *From:* Rowland [Howard]

To: Dear Bro Charles
[Howard]

OOH-1276

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

[0200]

Farmington Aug 15, 1861

Dear Bro. Charles

I have not succeeded in getting answers to two questions that I have asked a no. of times. One is - "do you want any of the newspapers that I have"? I will send any of them if you desire it - if not - most of them are valuable to keep. I send the "Mirror", of this week, containing a very well written acct. of Commencement &c. The other question is whether the ladies of this town can add anything to your Hospital stores, & if so, what? One other thing. I promised our washer woman to inquire for her son Alsbury Luce, private in Scowhegan Co of 3d Reg. She thinks he may be in the Hospital with measles. Can you not see him & give her some information? Tell him she & her family (I saw her at a Ladies aid meeting yesterday) are well now. Ella & the little one are nicely. Mrs Patten came Tues. evening & will stay some time. We propose to call him David Patten now.

We had an excellent prayer meeting last evening. Jacob Abbott Lane (Rev) Lyman & Edw. & Geo. Perkins were there & took part. Rev. A. Morrill sends his love to Otis. His 2d little girl is about a week old. Col Illsly of the 5th is his cousin.

Dellie's declamation is highly commended in the papers. He is at home now & wrote me a singular letter about the baby.

Dr Harris preached two excellent Sermons for us last Sab. In the P.M. on the text "This is your hour & the power of darkness" - he discussed the principle that Satan is always active when Christ is. Without alluding directly to passing events, he thoroughly treated the whole subject of the war & its causes. The only question of final success seems to me to be, will the people - on whom rests this Republican Government have sufficient self-denial & pluck - to carry it through? Will they endure taxes, disappointments, defeats - will they be willing to suffer terribly in all ways to sustain our Government? At present, indications are favorable, the people do better than their leaders - but my hope is in Him who turneth their hearts as the rivers of water are turned. If He has thus undertaken to deal with a gigantic moral wrong & social Sin - He will provide the means. It will not do to announce that the logical result of this terrible conflict is the abolition of Slavery & temporary material ruin to this Country because - you thus drive off those who are willing to wage the war for other ends - but my mind is settled on this as the great moral end to be approached, if not arrived at in this contest. And this is not an interested but a merely philosophical view of the whole matter. We as a nation are having a cancer drain out, that is seated on our very vitals. We may die in the process, but God's will be done. I would prosecute the war till the Gov. is acknowledged throughout the nation. Between this & that, there are years of sorrow & blood. God give us strength to do our little part in His great work! I feel in my Soul that every reverse will only make me more determined & I sometimes feel as if I would speak words of encouragement & truth - words calculated to make men cheerfully suffer - into the <Ears> of this whole nation. God has plan for each of us. Do you remember Bushnell's Sermon?

Do you know anything of McLellans Religious character? Will Otis be com. As Brig. Gen? We hear our del. In Congress recommended him - with others. If God puts him forward in place & influence, he must be more constant in prayer. He must guard against impulse & try to act more & more on a system & in accordance with principle. I hope his frankness, generosity & entirely democratic feeling - may still give him influence, & not detract from the Service & duty his country expects of him.

Dellie & mother wrote Monday & Tuesday. They are well. Ella sends her love to each of you. We will look for Lizzie now before long.

Fri. Morn: All well this morn. Letter from home last night. Same there. It seems we are having trouble in Missouri.

But Good Bye. God bless you both.

Yr aff Bro
Rowland

Love to Perry. Sarah & family are well.

[Written in another hand]
R. B. Howard
Aug 15th '61

1339 8/15/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: My dearest Lizzie
[Howard]

OOH-1277

Hd. Quarters 8th
Brigade

Source: Bowdoin

[0294]

Hd. Quarters 8th Brigade
August 15, 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I find it is now eleven o'clock P.M. but as I am on a General Court Martial tomorrow and will have little time to write I will just write you darling, a few lines on business.

1st. I have got the payment of Mr Fuller of Augusta put off till I can pay him at the end of this month. 2nd. I could'nt think of going home as delightful as it would be even if I could get a leave after having refused so many poor soldiers.

I think your plan for the sick a good one - but don't work, Lizzie, too hard for you have a precious & absorbing charge in those little ones, "olive branches" around you.

You will notice that we have been differently brigaded. I am the ranking Colonel & am still in command, but Colonel Sedgewick is assigned to this brigade as actg. Brigadier-General. I understand that he don't want to come and will try to effect a change. I made up my mind that I was to go back to my Regiment. The Regiment is in a bad condition, sadly demoralized. They lack clothing & shoes - half of them sick & nearly all crying to go home. McLellan's inspector today found the Arms in a wretched condition.

I learned tonight that some of the officers, those that I thought much of, had been robbing Clermont after the Command left. I shall investigate the matter tomorrow. Bishop Johns' fence has been used for tent floorings. Corn & potatoes & vegetables are used without asking. Now I don't allow these things - and they keep me in much trouble. Even if we are prayed for we keep growing worse & worse. How can the Lord bless such troops.

Poor Charlie is quite ill & gets poor care from me. He has considerable fever. He is always a great comfort & help to me. You must change my direction to 8th Brigade. I should be very glad if Rowland would come & take you to Maine, if he could do so.

You ask if I could be appointed Brigadier General without the approval of Congress. Yes, to be confirmed when Congress met. The other names sent in with mine are Col Jameson of the 2nd Maine & Major Prince, paymaster of the Army. If any influential man should solicit my appointment I might get it, but I have nothing to say.

Charlie takes care of your letters for me. I hope Charlie will not have a long time of illness. It is not best for me to leave now, Lizzie. Mr Mordecai thinks I have sweet little children & so do I. God bless them & help them to grow up to do his will. Good night, my precious wife. My kindest regards to the Carrolls, Frenchs, Churchs & Wiers & all friends. Many kisses to Guy & Grace & Jamie.

Very affectionately your husband,
Otis

I am two miles nearer Alexandria than when I wrote last.

How is Miss Blanch & the Sunday School? My kindest remembrances.

1340 8/15/1861

From: John L. Hodsdon
Adj. Genl

To: Col O. O. Howard

OOH-1278

State of Maine
HEAD QUARTERS
Adjutant General's
Office,
Augusta

Comg Brigade 3

Source: Bowdoin

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State of Maine
HEAD QUARTERS
Adjutant General's Office,
Augusta
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Augt. 15 1861

Dear Col. -

Private

Allen Partridge Compy B, 3d Regt, is quite out of health & his friends are anxious that he should have a furlough for 2 months. If your duties will permit you to enquire of the Surgeon relative to his condition, I think you will find his case one deserving consideration & you can safely recommend to Gen Mansfield that leave be granted him.

Yrs truly

John L. Hudson
Adgt. Genl

Col O. O. Howard
Comg Brigade 3

[Written in another hand]

Col O.O.H

Dear Sir

Allen Partridge is very poorly & I fear he will never be able to do the duties of a soldier.
Maj Belpet, G. S. Palmer

[written in another hand, OOH]

Gen'l Hodsdon